

REMARKS

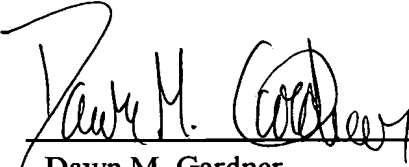
Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to place them in better condition for U.S. patent practice.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: 
Dawn M. Gardner
Registration No. 44,118

Post Office Box 1404
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404
(703) 836-6620

Date: November 18, 1999